

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Present Application:**

Applicant : Nathan R. Brown  
Attorney Docket No. : 500200.02  
Filed : Concurrently herewith  
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CHEMICAL-MECHANICAL  
PLANARIZATION OF MICROELECTRONIC SUBSTRATES WITH A  
CARRIER AND MEMBRANE

**Prior Application:**

Examiner : Sean Smith  
Art Unit : 3729  
Serial No. : 09/366,406

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Box Patent Application  
Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Amend the specification by inserting a new section before the "Technical Field"  
as follows:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a divisional of pending United States Patent Application  
No. 09/366,406, filed August 3, 1999. --

In the Claims:

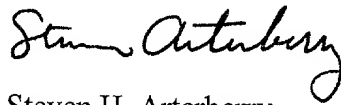
Please cancel claims 2, 3 and 14-59.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4 and 5-13 are now pending in the present application. Claims 2, 3 and 14-59 are cancelled without prejudice to the filing of any divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application. Consideration of claims 1, 4 and 5-13 and a Notice of Allowance is now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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